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SUBJECT:THEATER SEMINAR

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1. AS DISCUSSED INFORMALLY WITH BUTROVA DURING RECENT VISIT, DEPARTMENT IN COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL THEATER INSTITUTE (ITI) PREPARED HOST DELEGATION OF UP TO EIGHT SOVIET THEATER DIRECTORS FOR THREE-WEEK TRAVELLING SEMINAR DURING LATE MAY, EARLY JUNE -976. WE ARE CONSIDERING VISITS TO NEW YORK, NEW HAVEN, WASHINGTON, D.C., SAN FRANCISCO, LOS ANGELES, AND MINNEAPOLIS, WHERE SOVDEL WOULD VISIT THEATERS, THEATER SCHOOLS, ETC., AND PARTICIPATE IN SUBSTANTIVE MEETINGS WITH LOCAL U.S. THEATER PERSONNEL. ALSO CONSIDERING TWO TO THREE DAY WRAPUP CONFERENCE AT THE JOHNSON FOUNDATION CONFERENCE CENTER AT RACINE, WISCONSIN. ;

2. REQUEST EMBASSY DISCUSS WITH MINCULT AND ADVISE DEPT OF SOVIET RESPONSE. PLEASE REPEAT TO MINCULT IT'S BELIEF THAT SUCCESS OF SEMINAR AND PARTICIPATION OF PROMINENT  
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AMERICAN THEATER PERSONALITIES CAN BE ASSURED ONLY IF

SOVDEL INCLUDES PROMINENT DIRECTORS REPRESENTING BROAD  
SPECTRUM OF CURRENT SOVIET THEATER. KISSINGER

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